

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CENTRAL DIVISION



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This guide is to assist you in getting timely information from the various offices of the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

While the CHP is eager to provide information to the media, internal policies regulate which officer is the appropriate person to contact. Keeping this in mind will reduce the number of people that you must contact to get the information that you want.



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SUMMARY

Due to the nature of the California Highway Patrol, each officer in the field acts as an independent investigator. Public Information Officers (PIO) are not immediately apprised of the details of every possible newsworthy event that happens. We may not have exact names, charges, or circumstances of the incident until the officer (s) contact their area office or the PIO. We will make every effort to obtain the information as quickly as possible. We realize that many media personnel are on a deadline and we will do everything we can to help you meet that deadline. However, during busy days (rainy weather, fog, etc.), an officer may go directly from one incident to another and there may be delays in getting the details of an earlier incident.

In regards to traffic collisions, unless the officer actually observes the collision, they do not issue citations at the scene. After the collision has been completely investigated, recommendations will be sent to the District Attorney's office for the prosecution of the party at fault. Officers at the scene may not know the exact cause of the collision until all witnesses have been contacted. This may also delay us in providing information on the charges (if any) that will be filed against the responsible party.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For general information about the CHP, its policies, history, procedures, area of jurisdiction, matters that cover more than one CHP Area, etc., contact Central Division PIO Matthew Radke at (559) 277-7250. For information on arrests, statistics, traffic collisions, or matters which cover one specific Area, contact the local Area PIO

INTERNET ACCESS

The California Highway Patrol has made the CHP Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system available to the public via the internet. The CAD system is utilized for the systematic dispatching of units to a particular incident. If you have internet access, this system will be available for "real time" information regarding collisions, roadway obstructions, closures, etc. The web site address is: <http://cad.chp.ca.gov/>

TRAFFIC INFORMATION

For regular updates on traffic conditions, etc., contact the MIO at the TMC at (559) 445-6700.

"REAL-TIME" INCIDENT INFORMATION

For "real time" traffic collisions or incident information, the proper officer to contact is the Media Information Officer (MIO) at the Central Valley Transportation Management Center at (559) 445-6700 (5:00am to 5:30pm). This is a **media only** line that is unpublished. CHP dispatch operators are normally busy handling other business, so please avoid calling them for routine checks during these hours.

You may also follow us on [Twitter](#) @CHPCentralDiv

UPDATES ON BREAKING NEWS

For updates, contact the local PIO first. If the local PIO or alternate PIO is not available, then contact the Central Division PIO Matthew Radke or Sergeant John Maxfield. As a last resort, contact the CHP dispatch center. Incident command centers will be set up at major incidents (plane crashes, earthquakes, interchange collapses, long term roadway closures, etc.). The local PIO, or alternate, will be available at the scene to assist you.

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SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING ARRESTS AND COLLISIONS

Contact the PIO at the local CHP office where the incident took place. Refer to the maps on pages 10 and 11. Please attempt to contact the local CHP office first. If the local PIO or alternate PIO is not available, contact the Central Division PIO Matthew Radke at the Central Division Headquarters at (559) 277-7250.

Vehicle Code Section 20012 establishes statutory authority for the release of collision reports. State statute limits collision information released to the media. Care will be exercised not to release information which might libel the

moral character of the person (s) involved or matters which must be adjudicated by a court.

By law, we are prohibited from releasing the names of minors that have been arrested. We are also prohibited from releasing the names of anyone that has died until the medical examiner (coroner) has notified us that the family was notified of the death. Information regarding the identification of a fatal victim will be released through the Coroner of the county in which the collision occurred only.

NEWS RELEASES

The Central Valley Transportation Management Center (TMC) receives news releases from all 17 CHP Areas, within Central Division, when an incident of any significant nature occurs. The news releases are then transmitted via the TMC lightning fax computer to the media affected by the significant event. If at any time further information is needed relating to the media fax you received, please call the local CHP PIO listed on the media fax. Information relating to the names of the deceased person (s) will only be released via the Coroners office.

RIDE ALONGS, IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS, LONG TERM STORIES

Contact the Central Division PIO Matthew Radke at (559) 277-7250 for assistance in locating the appropriate officer or person to meet your specific needs.

FOG INFORMATION

The fog season in the Central Valley typically begins during the month of November and continues through February. The following resources are available to assist traffic management on the freeways.

- The CHP/Caltrans Central Valley Transportation Management Center (TMC) will provide information to the media regarding weather and road conditions throughout the Valley. Motorists should tune in to local radio and television stations for up-to-date information
- As resources allow, the CHP will have extra patrol units patrolling State Route 5, State Route 99 and State Route 41 during periods of dense fog. If the need arises, these officers will be immediately available for pacing traffic on these routes at a safe speed as well as responding to emergencies.
- All three CHP dispatch centers (Bakersfield, Fresno, and Merced) will maintain Fog Logs (titled "Foggy Conditions") which are available to the media and the public. These logs will provide details on areas of reported fog, the distance of visibility, and if pacing is underway on freeways or highways.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) will also be included in the advisory process. If visibility is reduced to less than 200 feet by fog or other inclement weather patterns, the NWS will issue a "Severe Reduced Visibility" alert via the Emergency Broadcast System

CENTRAL DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL DIVISION
5179 N. GATES AVENUE
FRESNO, CA 93722
(559) 277-7250 (MON-FRI, 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM)
(559) 277-7293 (FAX)

CENTRAL DIVISION CHIEFS

CHIEF JIM ABRAMES

ASSISTANT CHIEF WILLIE GODINEZ
ASSISTANT CHIEF BRIAN SMITH
ASSISTANT CHIEF KYLE SCARBER

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

SERGEANT JOHN MAXFIELD
OFFICER MATTHEW RADKE (DIVISION PIO)
OFFICER EVA CARABAJAL (COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICER)

TMC MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICERS (M.I.O.'s)

OFFICER KIRK ARNOLD
OFFICER SCOTT JOBINGER
OFFICER MARC McWILLIAMS
OFFICER GRACIELA TORRES TORRES (SPANISH)
OFFICER MICHELLE SIGMOND (SPANISH)

EL PROTECTOR UNIT (SPANISH)

SERGEANT JOSE GUTIERREZ
OFFICER PABLO REYNA (CENTRAL SECTOR-FRESNO)
OFFICER NELDA BANUELOS (NORTHERN SECTOR-MODESTO)
OFFICER ERICK RIVERA (SOUTHERN SECTOR-BAKERSFIELD)

RECRUITMENT UNIT

SERGEANT MIKE BOWLES
OFFICER TRACI GALLIAN - RECRUITER

CENTRAL DIVISION AIR OPERATIONS

FRESNO AIR TERMINAL
3770 N. PIERCE AVENUE
FRESNO, CA 93727
(559) 488-4121
(559) 488-4362 (FAX)

2 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT
1 HELICOPTER (REGIONAL)

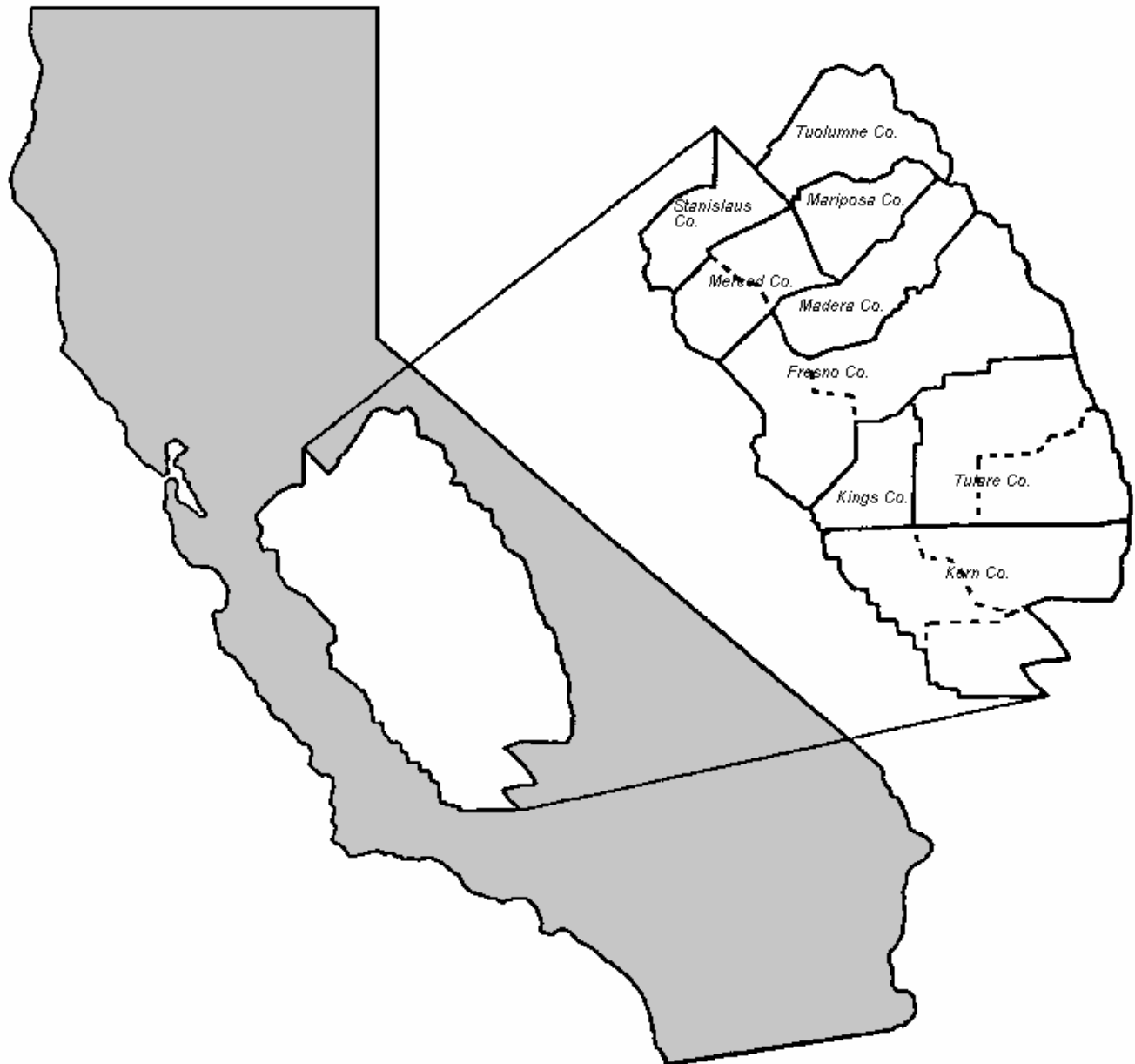
SUPERVISORS

SERGEANT

AREA RESPONSIBILITY: THE AIR OPERATIONS UNIT BOUNDARIES
ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE CENTRAL DIVISION.

CHP CENTRAL DIVISION MAP

17 CHP Areas (see page 11) covering 9 counties



CENTRAL DIVISION COMMUNICATION CENTERS

BAKERSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

4040 BUCK OWENS BLVD
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308 - 4903
(661) 864-4400
(661) 327-0803(FAX)

AREAS OF COVERAGE:

BAKERSFIELD AREA
BUTTONWILLOW AREA
FORT TEJON AREA
GRAPEVINE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT FACILITY

FRESNO COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

1382 W. OLIVE AVENUE
FRESNO, CA 93728 - 2890
(559) 441-5400
(559) 441-5506 (FAX)

AREAS OF COVERAGE:

FRESNO AREA
HANFORD AREA
VISALIA AREA
PORTERVILLE AREA
COALINGA AREA

MERCED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

1500 BELL DRIVE
ATWATER, CA 95301 - 9651
(209) 356-2900
(209) 357-6943 (FAX)

AREAS OF COVERAGE:

SONORA AREA
MADERA AREA
MARIPOSA AREA
OAKHURST AREA
MERCED AREA
LOS BANOS AREA
MODESTO AREA
CHOWCHILLA RIVER COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT FACILITY

BAKERSFIELD AREA

4040 BUCK OWENS BLVD
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308 - 4903
(661) 864-4444
(661) 327-0704 (FAX)

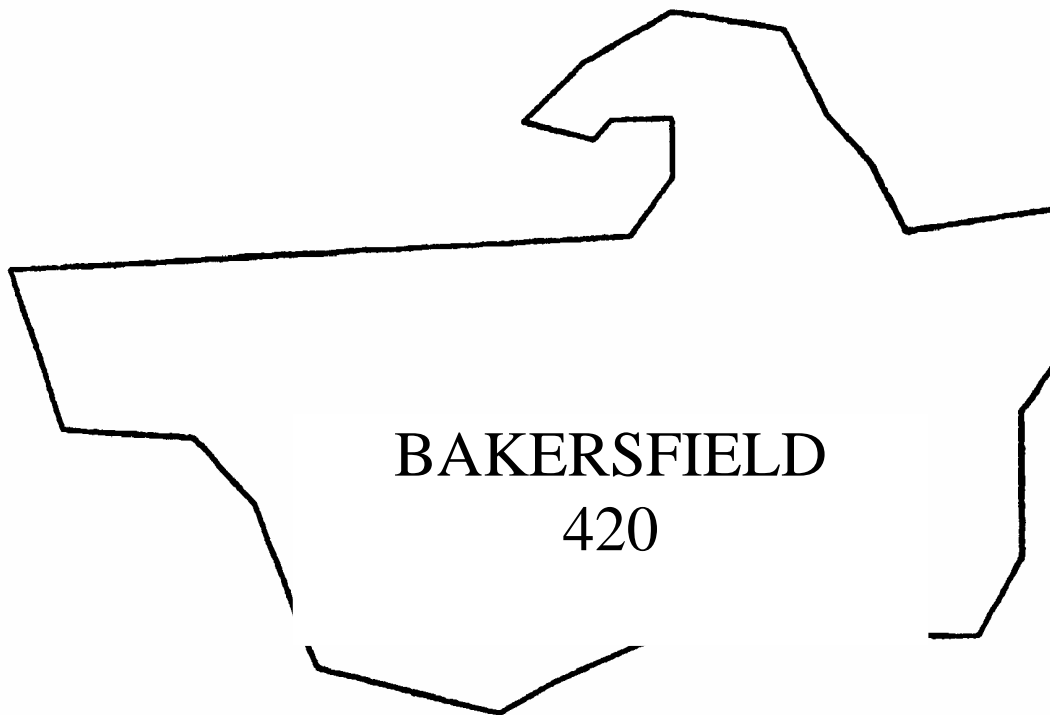
AREA COMMANDER

CAPTAIN WILLIAM "BILL" NATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE BAKERSFIELD AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS PART OF KERN COUNTY NORTH TO THE TULARE COUNTY LINE, SOUTH TO S.R. 166, WEST TO S.R. 43 AND EAST TO HART FLAT ON S.R. 58.



BUTTONWILLOW AREA

29449 STOCKDALE HWY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312 - 9644
(661) 764-5580
(661) 764-5608 (FAX)

AREA COMMANDER

LT. TERRY ROBERTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER JERRY KNIGHT

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE BUTTONWILLOW AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS WESTERN KERN COUNTY NORTH TO KINGS COUNTY AND SOUTH TO S.R. 166 AND EVERYTHING WEST OF INTERSTATE 5 TO THE KERN/SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY LINE.



CHOWCHILLA RIVER C.V.E.F.

8820 S. HIGHWAY 99

LEGRAND, CA 95333

(559) 665-2904

(559) 665-3906 (FAX)

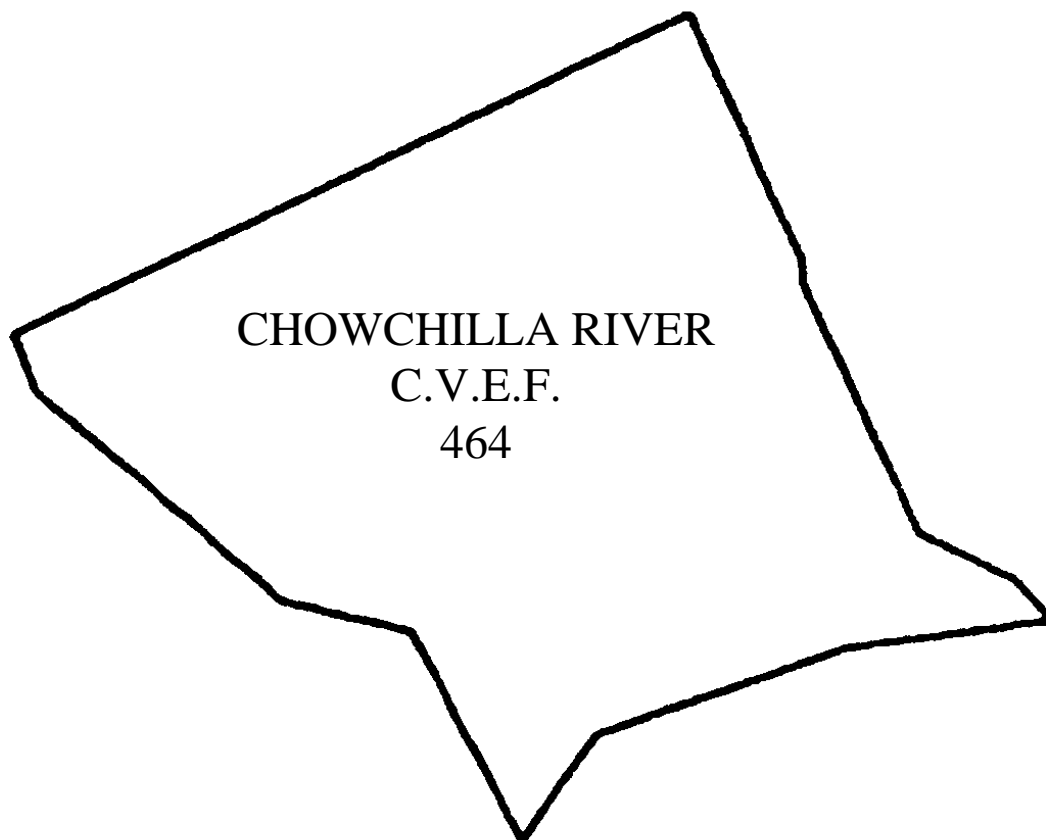
AREA COMMANDER

LT. LEE HARJO

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER WILLIAM HOWARD

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE C.R.I.F. AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS THE AREA OF THE INSPECTION FACILITY.



COALINGA AREA

125 S. SIXTH STREET
COALINGA, CA 93210 - 0866
(559) 935-2093
(559) 935-2092 (FAX)

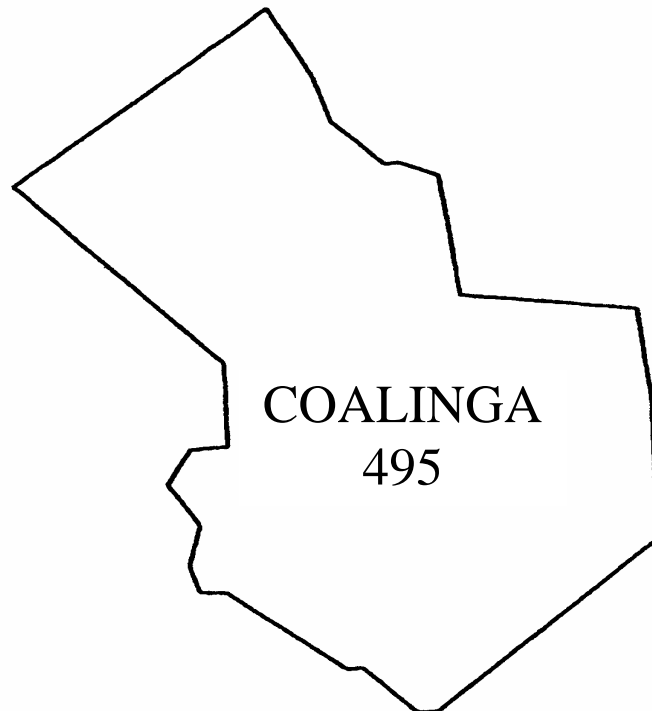
AREA COMMANDER

LT. JASON ELSOME

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER KENNETH ANTONETTI

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE COALINGA AREA BOUNDARIES INCLUDE PORTIONS OF FRESNO COUNTY TO THE NORTH, EAST, WEST, A PORTION OF KINGS COUNTY TO THE EAST AND SOUTH, AND A SMALL PORTION OF KERN COUNTY TO THE SOUTH.



FORT TEJON AREA

1033 LEBEC ROAD
LEBEC, CA 93243 - 0792
(661) 248-6655
(661) 248-5107 (FAX)

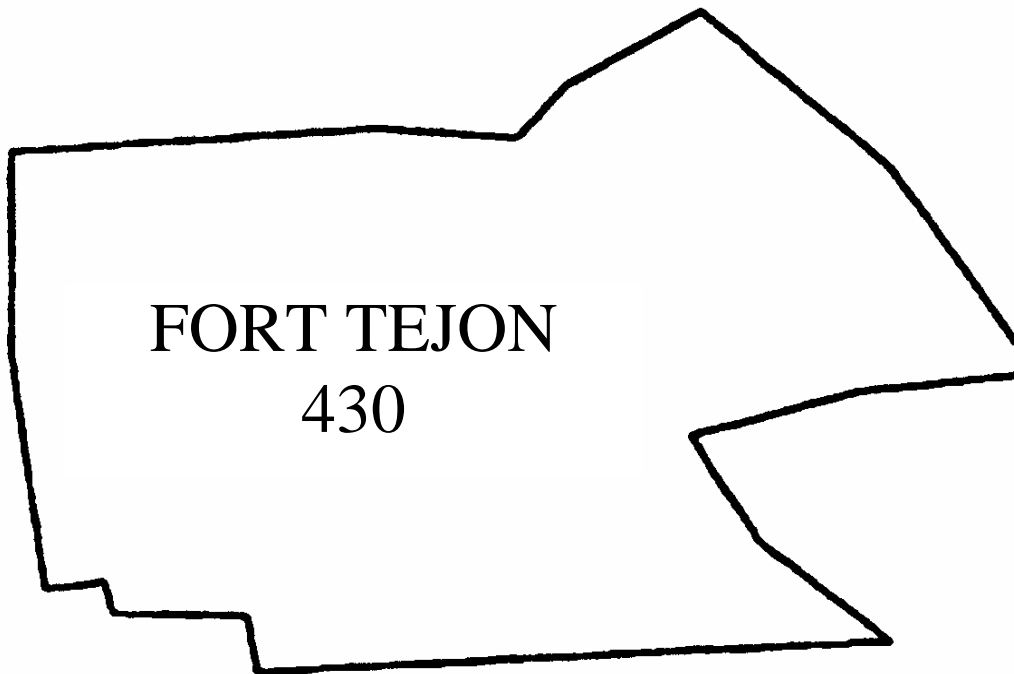
AREA COMMANDER

LT. CRAIG WHITTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER ROBERT SHUCK

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE FORT TEJON AREA BOUNDARIES INCLUDE PORTIONS OF SOUTHERN KERN COUNTY AND PORTIONS OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES.



FRESNO AREA

1382 W. OLIVE AVENUE
FRESNO, CA 93728 - 2890
(559) 441-5441 (OFFICE)
(559) 441-5505 (FAX)

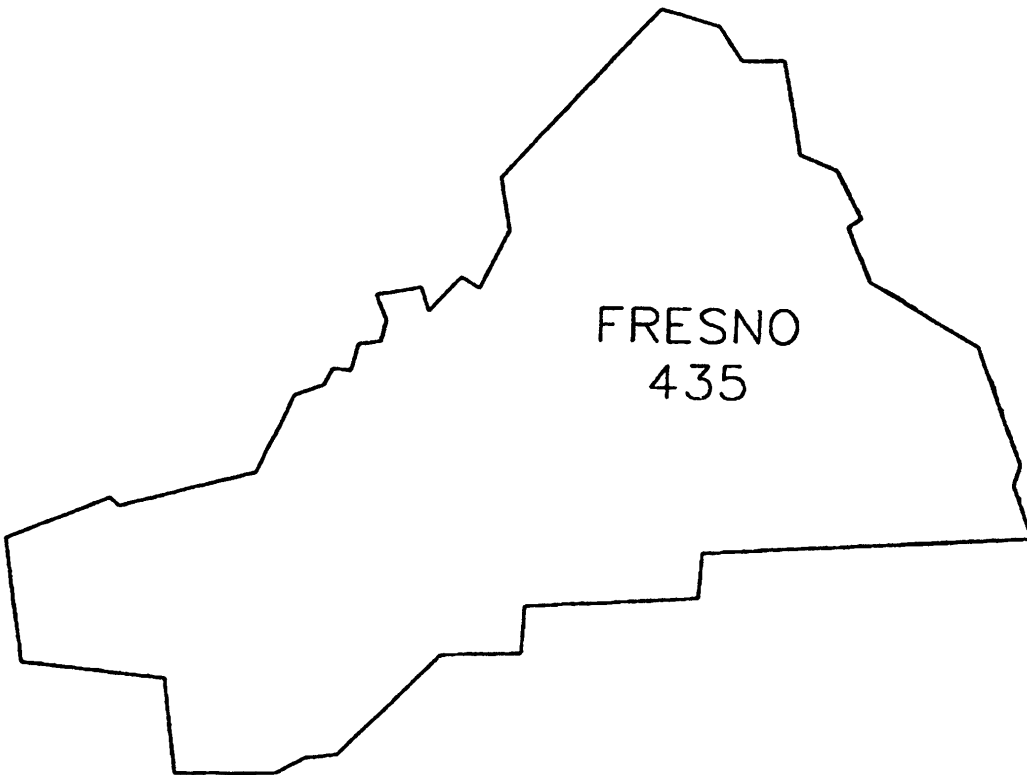
AREA COMMANDER

CAPTAIN MALKIAT "SAM" SAMRA

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER SEAN DUNCAN

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE FRESNO AREA BOUNDARIES INCLUDE MOST OF FRESNO COUNTY FROM THE NORTH TO THE EAST AND SOUTH AND PORTIONS OF THE WEST SIDE, UP TO HIGHWAY 145 AND NORTHWEST TO HIGHWAY 33.



GRAPEVINE C.V.E.F.

32829 INTERSTATE 5
ROUTE 1 BOX 34
LEBEC, CA 93243-0034
(661) 858-2540
(661) 858-6406 (FAX)

AREA COMMANDER

LT. DAVE WYMORE

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SGT. CLINT KNIEP

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE G.I.F. AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS THE AREA OF THE INSPECTION FACILITY.



HANFORD AREA

1565 GLENDALE AVENUE
HANFORD, CA 93230 - 0831
(559) 582-0231
(559) 582-7336 (FAX)

AREA COMMANDER

LT. DAVE KNOFF

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER JERRY PIERCE

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE HANFORD AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS ALL OF KINGS COUNTY FROM THE WEST, NORTH, AND EAST AND EXTENDS ITS BOUNDARY SOUTH TO QUAIL AVE. AND HIGHWAY 41.



LOS BANOS AREA

706 W. PACHECO BLVD
LOS BANOS, CA 93635 - 3992
(209) 826-3811
(209) 826-9548 (FAX)

AREA COMMANDER

LT. MALKIAT "SAM" SAMRA

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER JESS LOPEZ

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE LOS BANOS AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS PORTIONS OF WESTERN MERCED AND WESTERN FRESNO COUNTIES.



MADERA AREA

3051 AIRPORT DRIVE
MADERA, CA 93637 - 8709
(559) 675-1025
(559) 675-1029 (FAX)

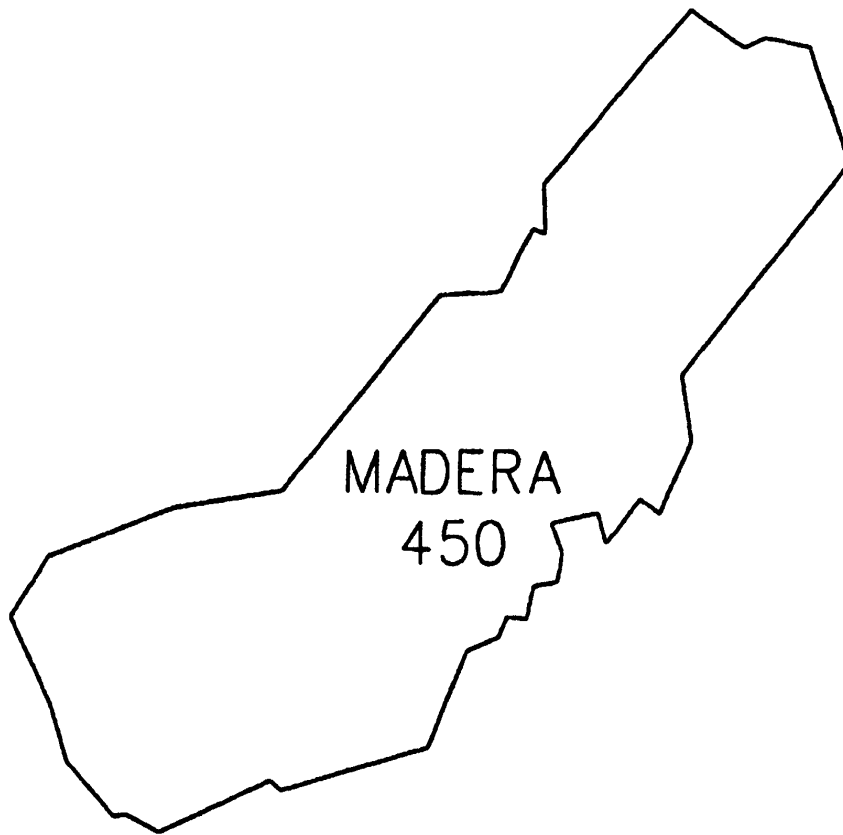
AREA COMMANDER

LT. DAVE PARIS

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER MARK COSENTINO

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE MADERA AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS MOST PORTIONS OF MADERA COUNTY UP TO HIGHWAY 41 AT ROAD 200.



MARIPOSA AREA

5264 HIGHWAY 49 NORTH
MARIPOSA, CA 95338 - 9501
OR
P.O. BOX 217
MARIPOSA, CA 95338
(209) 966-3656
(209) 966-6765 (FAX)

AREA COMMANDER

LT. MIKE TROXELL

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER JESSE FOUCH

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE MARIPOSA AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS PORTIONS OF MADERA AND MARIPOSA COUNTIES.



MERCED AREA

1500 BELL DRIVE
ATWATER, CA 95301 - 9651
(209) 356-2956
(209) 357-6918 (FAX)

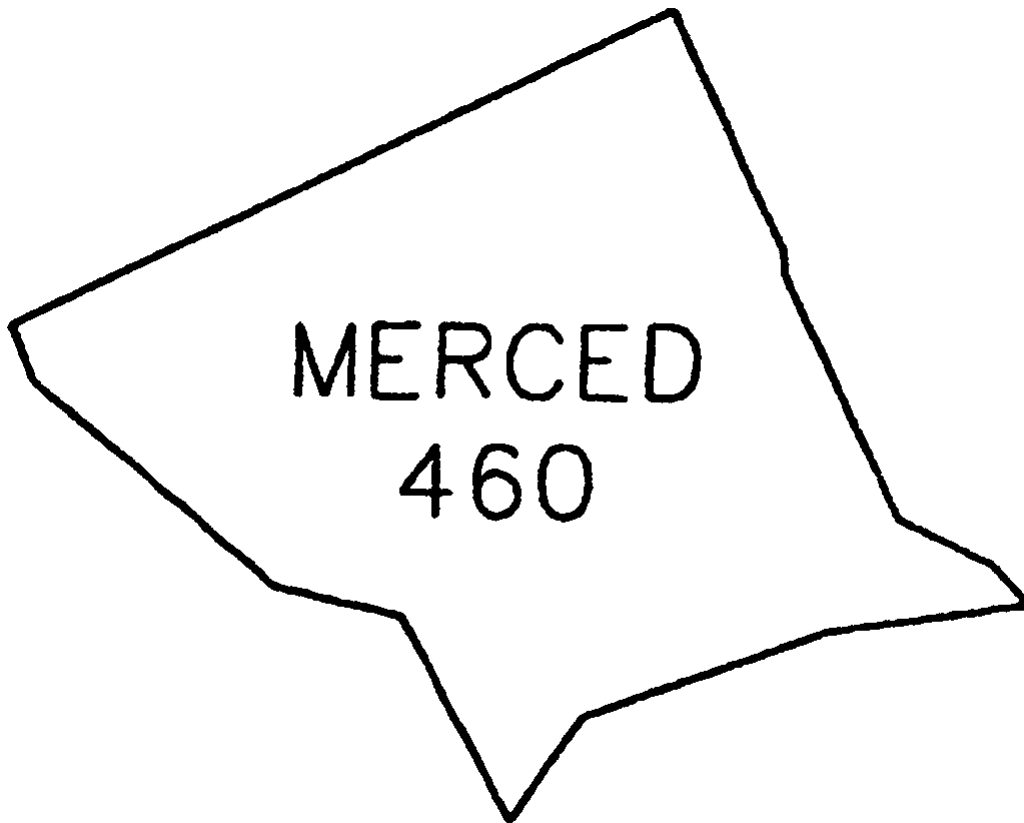
AREA COMMANDER

CAPTAIN MICHAEL RICHARD

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER JOHN PATTERSON

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE MERCED AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS MOST OF MERCED COUNTY.



MODESTO AREA

4030 KIERNAN AVENUE
MODESTO, CA 95356 - 9761
(209) 545-7440
(209) 545-2636 (FAX)

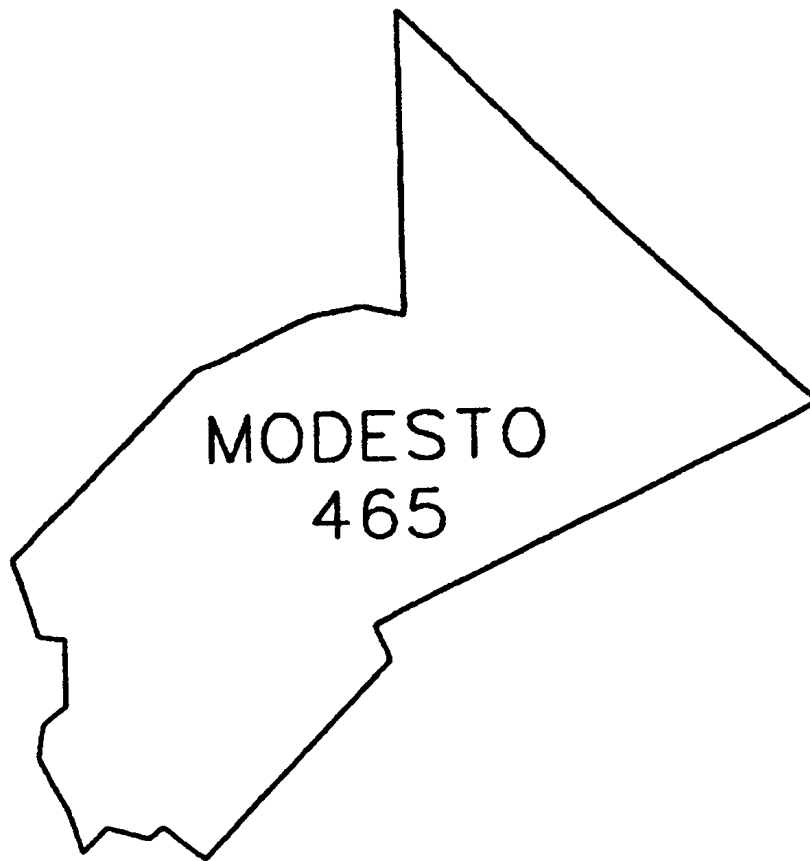
AREA COMMANDER

CAPTAIN LENLEY DUNCAN

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER ERIC PARSONS

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE MODESTO AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS ALL PORTIONS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY.



OAKHURST AREA

35500 HIGHWAY 41
COARSEGOLD, CA. 93614
OR
P.O. BOX 1059
COARSGOLD, CA 93614
(559) 683-6565
(559) 683-8477 (FAX)

AREA COMMANDER

LT. SANDRA ADAMS

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SGT. ED GREENE

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE OAKHURST AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS PARTS OF MADERA AND MARIPOSA COUNTIES. HWY 41 FROM YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK TO ROAD 200. HWY 49 FROM MARIPOSA COUNTY LINE TO THE CITY OF OAKHURST AND EAST BOUNDARY OF THE FRESNO COUNTY LINE.



PORTERVILLE AREA

861 W. MORTON AVENUE
PORTERVILLE, CA 93257 - 3193
(559) 784-7444
(559) 784-2146 (FAX)

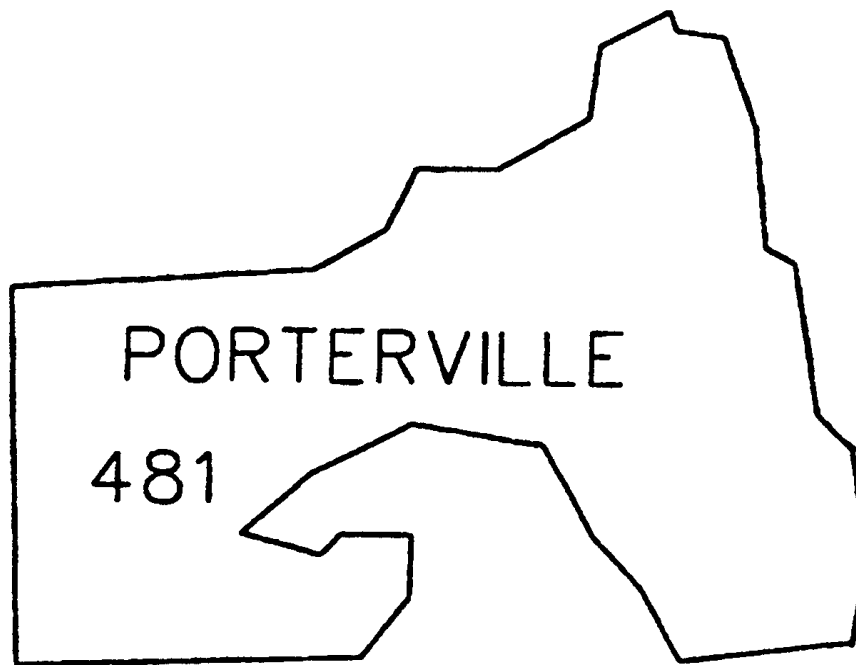
AREA COMMANDER

LT. JAMES SWEARINGEN

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER STEFANIE BUCK

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE PORTERVILLE AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS PORTIONS OF TULARE COUNTY.



SONORA AREA

18437 FIFTH AVENUE
JAMESTOWN, CA 95327 - 0676
OR
P.O. BOX 676
JAMESTOWN, CA 95327 - 0676
(209) 984-3944
(209) 984-3660 (FAX)

AREA COMMANDER

LT. SCOTT CLAMP

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

OFFICER MIKE REMMEL

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE SONORA AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS ALL PORTIONS OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY AND SOME NORTHERN PORTIONS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY.



VISALIA AREA

5025 W. NOBLE AVENUE
VISALIA, CA 93277 - 8310
(559) 734-6767
(559) 734-3007 (FAX)

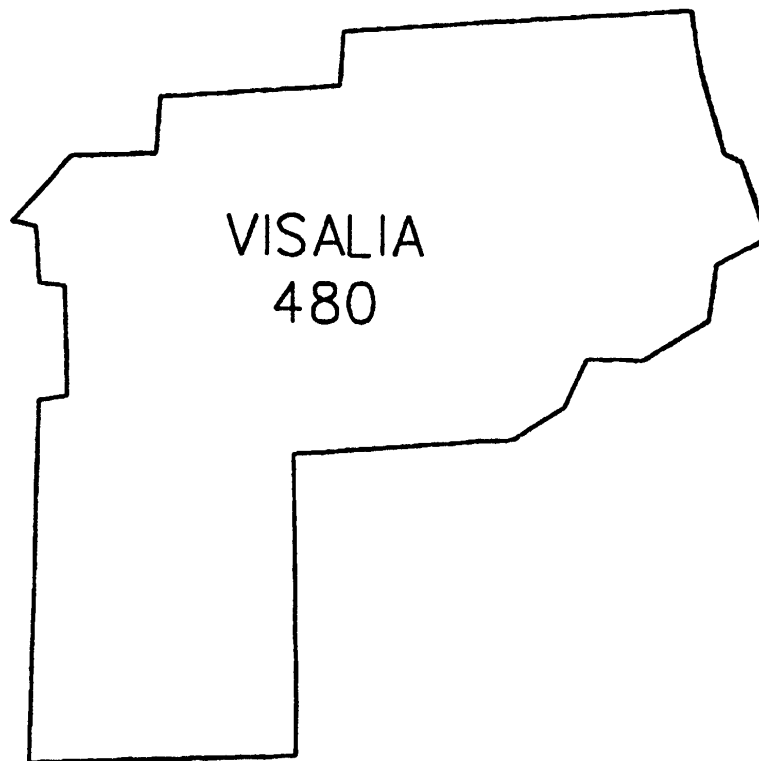
AREA COMMANDER

CAPTAIN STEVE SULLIVAN

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

OFFICER SCOTT HARRIS

AREA BOUNDARIES: THE VISALIA AREA BOUNDARIES ENCOMPASS MOST PORTIONS OF TULARE COUNTY.



STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTERS (T.M.C.'s)

VALLEY DIVISION

SACRAMENTO T.M.C.
3165 GOLD VALLEY DRIVE
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670
(916) 859-7917
(916) 861-1345 (FAX)

STOCKTON T.M.C.
1976 E. CHARTER WAY
STOCKTON, CA 95205
(209) 948-7958
(209) 948-3631 (FAX)

GOLDEN GATE DIVISION

OAKLAND T.M.C.
111 W. GRAND AVENUE
OAKLAND, CA 94623-0660
(510) 286-6923
(510) 286-6026 (FAX)

CENTRAL DIVISION

CENTRAL VALLEY T.M.C.
1352 W. OLIVE AVENUE
FRESNO, CA 93728
(559) 445-6700
(559) 445-5990 (FAX)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

LOS ANGELES T.M.C.
2901 W BROADWAY
LOS ANGELES, CA 90041
(323) 259-2010
(323) 258-8121 (FAX)

STATEWIDE T.M.C.'s CONTINUED

BORDER DIVISION

SAN DIEGO T.M.C.
7183 OPPORTUNITY ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92111
(858) 637-3853
(858) 467-3256 (FAX)

ORANGE COUNTY T.M.C.
6681 MARINE WAY
IRVINE, CA 92618
(949) 559-7857
(949) 936-3565 (FAX)

COASTAL DIVISION

SAN LUIS OBISPO T.M.C.
50 HIGUERA STREET
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401-5415
(805) 549-3279

INLAND DIVISION

SAN BERNARDINO T.M.C.
464 W. FOURTH STREET
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401
(909) 383-5969
(909) 383-4826 (FAX)

C. H. P. HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO

601 NORTH 7TH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95811
P.O. BOX 942898
SACRAMENTO, CA 94298-0001
(916) 843-3000

- COMMISSIONER – JOE A. FARROW
- DEPUTY COMMISSIONER –
- ASST. COMMISSIONER, FIELD – RAMONA C PRIETO
- ASST. COMMISSIONER, STAFF – WARREN A. STANLEY

CHP HEADQUARTERS – OFFICE OF MEDIA RELATIONS

(916) 843-3310

- FRAN CLADER, Commander
- JAIME COFFEE
- ERIN KOMATSUBARA